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TOTOWA, NEW JERSEY

DESPITE EXTENSIVE CANVASSING THE EMBASSY COULD LOCATE
ONLY THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT(S):

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RICHARD-WAGNER-STR. 8-12
4150 KREFELD
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COMMENT: FIRM ESTABLISHED 1975; EMPLOYS 10. ANNUAL
SALES DM 2 MILLION ON COMMISSION BASIS. FINANCIAL REF:
STADTSPARKASSE KREFELD, 4150 KREFELD. FIRM IS ENGAGED
IN DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION IN COOPERATION WITH SUB-
CONTRACTORS IN THE FIELD OF TURN-KEY OPERATION IN THE
GALVANIZING CHEMICAL REFINERY PLANTS. PRODUCT OF
PLAST-O-MATIC WOULD FIT FIRM'S PROGRAM. COMPANY IS
SELLING WORLDWIDE, EXCEPT US MARKET.

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INDUSTRY AND TRADE SOURCES, THE WEST GERMAN MARKET FOR
VALVES, PUMPS, AND ACCESSORIES, MADE OF DURABLE AND
SPECIAL PLASTICS, IS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AND TIGHT,
AND DOMINATED BY THE FOLLOWING FOUR DOMESTIC ORIGINAL
EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANIES: (1) GEORG FISCHER,
SINGEN/HOHENTWIEL, THE LARGEST SUCH PRODUCER WITH A
WIDE VARIETY OF PRODUCTS IN THE SECTORS OF PUMPS AND

VALVES; (2) MASCHINENFABRIK STUBBE, VLOTHO-WESER;
(3) ISOLA WERKE AG, DUEREN, WHICH ADDED IN 1976
PLASTIC VALVES TO ITS PRODUCTION LINE; (4) SCHRUPP &
CO., BETZDORF/SIEG. ANOTHER PARTICULARITY OF THIS
WEST GERMAN MARKET IS THE ABSENCE OF MANUFACTURERS
AGENTS AND/OR DISTRIBUTORS - SINCE THE PRODUCTS ARE
SOLD BY DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS DIRECTLY TO END-USERS.
ENTRY INTO THE DOMESTIC GERMAN MARKET FOR ANY NEW-
COMING COMPETING MANUFACTURER FROM OUTSIDE, THEREFORE,
WOULD APPEAR TO BE FEASIBLE EITHER THROUGH A DIRECT
COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY OF THE EXISTING PRO-
DUCERS, OR BY ESTABLISHING A SUBSIDIARY FACILITY.
NOTE: THE WEST GERMAN PLASTICS MANUFACTURER, MUEHL-
HEIMER KUNSTSTOFFWERKE, MUEHLHEIM/RUHR, HAS CONCLUDED
A COOPERATIVE/LICENSING/DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE ITALIAN COMPANY F.I.P., A LEADING MFR OF PLASTIC
VALVES, FITTINGS, AND PUMPS, COMPETING WITH THE PRO-
DUCTS OF GEORG FISCHER.

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